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## Ready for the Kickoff.

Says a dispatch in the Commercial Appeal Tuesday:

"The results of the election will not affect the health of the president, it was said at the White House today. He has served himself for whatever happens. He is hoping and praying for the election of the Democratic ticket and he confidently expects the masses to outvote the Republican partisan and well-financed organization. His faith in the people makes him confident. If Harding elects the president will attribute his victory to a lack of information or understanding on the part of the voters of the nation."

There is no reason why the result of the election should affect the health of the president. He should accept the election of Cox with complacency, and the dispatch says he has steered himself against the bad news.

The masses always outvote the partisans, so whatever the result is, we may rest confidently in the assurance that the masses prevail.

The president's faith in the people is shared generally. Whatever the people do is what they want to do, and this being a government of the people whatever they do is right. However we can not follow the logic that success means victory for the masses, and defeat means ignorance of the voters.

Regardless of the result the country is safe. Long live the U. S. A.

## Senatorial Contests.

While the country has been aroused to some extent over the effect of the result that the presidential race will have on the fate of the league of nations, the people have lost sight of the fact, very largely, that it is not the presidential race altogether, but the result of the senatorial contests that will have an important bearing upon the vexatious document that has troubled the people and the statesmen for more than a year.

There are 36 members of the senate, 49 of whom are Republicans and 47 Democrats, giving the Republicans a majority of two in the classification. But of the 49 Republicans, Newberry of Michigan does not vote, pending the result of an appeal to the higher courts on his conviction for obtaining his seat through the improper use of money. Another is La Follette, who votes as often with the Democrats as he does with the Republicans, and is supporting the Socialist candidate for the senate against his colleague, Senator Lenroot.

From these facts it will be observed that while the Republicans nominally have control of the senate, the majority is so narrow that the loss of a vote at any time may prevent the passage of a party measure.

Johnson of California is not always to be depended upon to carry out the Old Guard's conception of party policy. Senator Norris is another progressive whose vote can not be counted until it is cast, and of course Borah is a thorn in the flesh of his Republican colleagues about as frequently as Johnson is. Consequently the Democrats require the Republicans to assume the responsibility for neglect to expedite matters of political significance, while the Republicans claim to control the senate and are rarely able to deliver.

It is for this reason that the senatorial contests, in which one-third of the entire membership is to be elected, assumes an important aspect. It is important for the reason that if Senator Harding is elected and the Democrats control the senate, he will find himself in a difficult situation. Or if Gov. Cox should be elected and the Republicans increase their majority in the senate, he would find himself in practically the same situation that President Wilson has been in for the past two years.

In the 34 contests in Tuesday's election, 19 of the seats are at present held by Democrats and 15 by Republicans. Nine of the 19 Democratic senators are either certain to be re-elected or to be succeeded by Democrats.

The states in which the Democrats are certain to be triumphant are two from Alabama and one each from Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia.

There remain 10 Democratic seats which may go one way or another, with indications in most instances that the majority of them will continue Democratic. These states are Maryland, Kentucky, Idaho, Nevada, Arizona, Oklahoma, South Dakota, California and Oregon.

As against the nine contests that are certain to go Democratic, there are but three that are certain to go Republican. Those three are Kansas, Pennsylvania and Vermont. The 12 Republican seats for which there is a real contest are Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, New York, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, Utah, North Dakota and Washington.

It will thus be seen that there are

32 real contests for the senate, with the political complexion of that body depending for the next two years upon the result of those states.

In Alabama, Senator Underwood is a candidate for a full term. Representative Hefflin is a candidate to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator Bankhead. Caraway of Arkansas is a former Tennesseean, a candidate for re-election from Arkansas, has a hard fight. The same may be said of Senator Phelan of California, although he is known to have a working arrangement with Senator Johnson which may insure his election.

In Colorado, Senator Thomas was not a candidate for the nomination, but is making the race as an independent in opposition to the league of nations.

Strong effort is being made to defeat Senators Brandegee of Connecticut, Wadsworth of New York, Moses of New Hampshire, Smoot of Utah and Dillingham of Vermont, all Republicans, because of their opposition to woman suffrage. Senator Beckham of Kentucky is making a splendid race with fair prospect of election.

One of the exciting contests is that staged in Missouri between Senator Spencer and Breckenridge Long. Senator Spencer is concluding the term of the late Senator Stone, and is a Republican. Mr. Long is a former assistant secretary of the navy and is a strong supporter of the administration. He has the opposition of Senator Reed whom the Democrats refused to give a seat in the national convention, after being duly elected from his congressional district. It is Senator Reed's congressional district that keeps the state of Missouri Democratic.

The result of the presidential election will have its significance, psychologically and otherwise. But the result of the senate elections in the 22 contests in doubtful states will be the determining factor in legislation that will be passed by the congress in the next two years.

**Methodist Conference.**  
The annual Methodist conference is always a matter of absorbing interest to the public at large as well as to the members of that great denomination. The conference of Mayfield, beginning Wednesday, is no exception. In fact a greater number of local pastors than usual will be affected by the assignments for the forthcoming year.

A number of prominent Memphis pastors will have completed their four years, usually the allotted time for a Methodist pastor to serve continuously a single charge.

It is to be hoped that the community will not lose them and that the fact that they are leaving their charges means a transfer from the present assignment rather than that they will be removed from the community.

When a minister has served four years, as several of the Memphis pastors have, he is usually as closely identified with the moral and intellectual progress of the community as he is with the flock he is assigned to serve.

For this reason, because of the strong and useful influence they have exerted during their tenure, we would regard their loss as a loss to the city.

Association with them has been pleasant and beneficial, and they have been helpful in all great enterprises and activities. They are accustomed to our ways and we to theirs.

If the rules of the denomination forbid return to the charges they have served for the allotted four years, it is to be hoped that exchanges, rather than removals, will be in order.

**FREE LESSONS IN FRENCH.**  
Our Washington information bureau has secured a limited quantity of the same little "French Vocabulary" that the United States marine corps gave to each of its fighting men when it started them overseas to stop the Hun.

These soldiers of the seas demonstrated their customary efficiency in selecting the fundamentals in French, that one should know to find his way about a foreign world.

Even though you may never expect to travel abroad, the future relations of France and the United States are certain to be so close that it will be a great convenience and pleasure to know the meaning of some of the French words and expressions that are used most.

This little booklet fits comfortably into one's outside pocket, or, in any case, it can be studied while riding on a street car, or waiting for some one, or at any leisure time.

If you send two cents in stamps to pay the return postage, this advertisement will be printed only once, as the supply is limited.

Frederic J. Haskin, director, The Memphis News Scimitar Information Bureau, Washington, D. C.

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**TO CLOSE HOG ISLAND.**  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—How Island shipyard at Philadelphia, built at a cost to the government of about \$75,000,000, will be closed in February unless disposed of soon, Chairman Benson announced last night. Failure of the board to receive a bid for the shipyard, which cost about \$10,000,000 for the purchase of the land, was the cause of the closure of the shipyard.

Market of the rose proximity of the election. He added, however, that no one in the industry was interested in expected proposals from them to purchase or lease the property.

## Public Discussion

REGARDING THE SUCCESSOR TO ST. JOHN'S PASTORATE

To The News Scimitar:  
There was an error in the article published Friday afternoon in regard to Dr. Coleman leaving St. John's church. The error was in the statement that Dr. Coleman was leaving St. John's church. Dr. Coleman is not leaving St. John's church, but is leaving the pastorate of St. John's church.

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## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q.—Is a Sam Brown belt worn upon any occasion?—W. A. T.

A.—The Sam Brown belt was never authorized by the executive committee and it would be contrary to regulations to wear it.

Q.—How many soldiers under 18 served in the Revolutionary war?—W. A. M.

A.—In the Revolutionary army there were 14,464 boys under 18, 1,224 that were 14 years of age, 15 that were 15, 14 that were 16, 13 that were 17, and 25 that were 18 years of age.

Q.—How many strikes were there last year?—W. E. R.

A.—The bureau of labor statistics says that there were 3,874 strikes and lockouts in 1919, these affecting 4,112,507 men.

Q.—What is the average age of man?—R. W. A.

A.—Statistics show that the average duration of human life is 48.7 years.

Q.—What is Yerba mate?—W. A. L.

A.—Mate is a substitute for tea, extensively used in South America. It consists of the leaves and green twigs of certain species of holly, more especially of the Y. paraguayensis, dried and roughly ground.

Q.—When did the negro first vote for president?—N. A. Z.

A.—The negro voted for president for the first time in 1868, when Ulysses S. Grant, of Illinois, and Schuyler Colfax, of Indiana, were elected by the Republican party.

Q.—Did the bureau of war risk insurance issue marine insurance?—T. F. E.

A.—The bureau of war risk insurance says that they did not issue marine insurance in the proper sense of the term. Technically speaking, marine insurance is coverage to the shipowner in case of loss due to the perils of the sea, etc., whereas the insurance issued by the marine arm of the war risk bureau covered loss directly or indirectly to warfare only.

Q.—What insects are harmful to poultry?—B. H. M.

A.—The department of agriculture says that fleas, mites, ticks, and also mosquitoes are the special pests of poultry.

Q.—What is the difference between an interstate railway and an intrastate one?—J. H. G.

A.—An interstate railway is one which passes through more than one state, while an intrastate railway is one which does not extend beyond the borders of the state.

Q.—What is an atheist?—R. G. H.

A.—Lord Gladstone's definition of the term was "By atheist, I understand a man who not only denies the existence of God, but also denies the existence of the soul."

Q.—Does gold weigh more than mercury?—M. R. G.

A.—The bureau of standards says a cubic centimeter of gold weighs more than a cubic centimeter of mercury at ordinary temperature. The former weighs 19.3 grams and the latter 13.6 grams.

Q.—What is the derivation of the word "pajama"?—H. H. L.

A.—The Hindustani word "pajama" means a long-sleeved garment. It is applied to the thin loose trousers tied around the waist, which are worn by the natives of India. The word was introduced into English by the British in the 18th century.

## Wonder What Some Traffic Cops Think About—By Briggs

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I WISH SOMEBODY WOULD GIVE ME AN EXCUSE TO BAWL HIM OUT—I HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO HOLLER AT ANYBODY FOR OVER AN HOUR.

HERE COMES A POOR NUT IN A FLUYER. HE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE HE AMOUNTED TO ANYTHING. I'LL SEE IF I CAN'T HANG SOMETHING ON HIM.

CURSES! HE HASN'T DONE A THING I CAN BAWL HIM OUT FOR. DARN THE LUCK!

I'VE SIMPLY GOT TO MAKE SOMEBODY SORE! THIS IS GETTING TIRESOME—OH TO MAKE LIFE MISERABLE FOR SOMEBODY.

AN HA—HERE COMES THE TWO DOLLS THAT GAVE ME A SMILE YESTERDAY. NOW I'VE GOT TO BULL SOMEBODY TO MAKE AN IMPRESSION.

HERE COMES A POOR NUT. I'LL PICK ON HIM SO THESE DAMES CAN GET SOME IDEA WHO I AM. HE AIN'T DONE NUTHIN' BUT I SIMPLY GOTTA MAKE A HIT.

"HEY! YOU! WHAT TH— I GET BACK THERE! ROLL UP TO THE CURB! WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? DON'TCHA BAWL ME! DON'T TALK BACK TO ME!"

UNCLE WIGGILY'S SURPRISE.

BY HOWARD R. GARIS.

One day Uncle Wiggily started out from his hollow stump bungalow very early in the morning.

"Where are you going?" asked Nurse Jane Fuzzy Wuzzly, his muskrat lady housekeeper.

"Oh, just to look for an adventure," Uncle Wiggily answered.

"Well, don't forget that this election day, and I have as good a right to vote as you," said Miss Fuzzy Wuzzly. "Please come back in time to vote for me."

"I will," promised the bumpy uncle, and then a funny little twinkie came over his pink nose and he blinked his eyes like anything.

A little while after that Uncle Wiggily met Sammie Littlebit kicking his football along the woodland path. There was no school on account of election.

"Sammie," said Uncle Wiggily, "if you could vote wouldn't you say that for the bumpy uncle?"

"Of course," chuckled Sammie, "I would vote for you."

"Good!" cried Uncle Wiggily. "Then meet me at yonder sassafras bush when night falls. I have a surprise."

"We'll be there," promised the squirrel boys.

Uncle Wiggily went on a little farther and met Jackie and Peetie Bow Wow, the doggies.

"Would you vote for Nurse Jane as being the kindest muskrat lady in this forest?" he asked the bumpy.

"She certainly is!" barked Jackie. "And she always saves us the nicest bones," added Peetie. "We'll vote for her."

"Fine!" whispered Uncle Wiggily. "Then meet me at yonder sassafras bush in the dusk of the evening."

"I won't be late," promised Jackie of Peetie as the bumpy gentleman hopped away.

PEOPLE ARE GETTING TO BE TOO CAREFUL—BUT I'LL CATCH SOMEBODY YET. THAT IS UNLESS ITS SOMEONE WITH A DRAG AT POLICE HEAD-QUARTERS.

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## Married Girl Hears Love Pledged By Boy

BY MRS. ELIZABETH THOMPSON.

Dear Mrs. Thompson—I am a woman, 23 years of age, and have been married. I have one little boy. My husband and I have not lived together for three years, and I have not heard from him in that time. I have been going with a young man 20 years old, whom I love very much and he loves me. He tells me often that he loves me and he used to write me every day, but now not quite so often as he is at work. He wants me to get a divorce and says we will get married. He says he is lonely some without me, and wants me to come to his home and stay on a visit until I get my divorce paid for and then we will be married. Do you think he loves me or not? What should I do? He has turned down all his people two or three times for me.

THANK YOU.

The boy may love you, but I can hardly believe it will last. At the age of 20 a young man does not know his own mind and he is most apt to have the fire of his love turn in another direction. You are very young and have much happiness ahead of you. If you do the right thing, and do not make another useless choice, so above my advice is that you be very sure of the man whom you take next time. This boy is too young for you, and it seems to me that he is not a man, but a woman of your age to marry a boy of 20, not only because of his age, but because his love may not be constant and he is not likely to be able to assume the responsibilities of a marriage and earn a living wage for the young man, and let him love you if he wants to, but insist upon waiting until he has turned down all his people two or three times for me.

Dear Mrs. Thompson—Will peroxide kill the roots of fine hair if used constantly for a time? I have a fine growth on my face and I want to get rid of it. What is good for red hands?

B. L. A. The peroxide has a tendency to kill the roots of hair. You should not worry about the fine growth on your face. The peroxide will not kill the roots of your hair, but it will kill the hair on your face. You should use a good skin cream to keep your skin soft and smooth.

Dear Mrs. Thompson—We are two girls 15 and 16 years of age. One of us is an orphan, taken from an orphan home, and would like to know how the people could have done over me and also if I have to stay with them after I am 18. We are wondering if we can go to live with our mother's family. What is the best thing I could do?

ANXIOUS. The people where you are staying will be glad to have you. You should not worry about the fine growth on your face. The peroxide will not kill the roots of your hair, but it will kill the hair on your face. You should use a good skin cream to keep your skin soft and smooth.

Dear Mrs. Thompson—I am going with a girl whose parents do not allow her to go with me. I love this girl and she loves me. I want to know how the people could have done over me and also if I have to stay with them after I am 18. We are wondering if we can go to live with our mother's family. What is the best thing I could do?

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